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B. USNATO 6155

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1. IN LIGHT OF FRENCH PROBLEMS WITH OUR SUGGESTION THAT STANDARDIZATION BE DEALT WITH ON DECEMBER 10, AND IN VIEW OF SITUATION AS DESCRIBED IN REF D, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT THE DUTCH PROPOSAL PLACING STANDARDIZATION AS THE FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA AT THE NAC MINISTERIAL, DECEMBER 11. AS WE UNDERSTAND DUTCH PROPOSAL, DEFENSE MINISTERS WOULD HAVE THE OPTION OF PARTICIPATING. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND RESTRICTED COUNCIL SESSIONS WOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 11 AND MORNING OF DECEMBER 12.

2. IN AGREING TO DUTCH PROPOSAL, YOU SHOULD COMMENT THAT

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DUTCH SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM SEEMS ADEQUATE FOR THIS

DECEMBER'S MEETING, BUT MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE AS A
PRECEDENT, FOR EXAMPLE, AT SPRING MINISTERIALS WHEN DEFENSE
MINISTERS MEET AT BRUSSELS AND FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET
ELSEWHERE. SCHEDULING PROBLEM MAY THUS HAVE TO BE
REEXAMINED DURING PREPARATIONS FOR SPRING NAC AND DPC. KISSINGER

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